Motion (11) is **GRANTED**. Plaintiff shall proceed under the pseudonym "John Doe 1332."

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE Wave D. Creeshan, J. MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE Chief US District Judge

JOHN DOE,	)
Plaintiff,	
v.	)
	Civil Action No: 3:23-cv-1332
William Lee, Governor of the State	)
of Tennessee, in his official capacity;	)
	) Judge Crenshaw
And,	)
,	) Magistrate Judge Frensley
<b>David Rausch, Director of the Tennessee</b>	)
Bureau of Investigation, in his official	)
capacity.	
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Defendants.	,

## PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO PROCEED UNDER PSEUDONYM AND FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Plaintiff John Doe hereby moves the Court for permission to proceed in this action under the pseudonym "John Doe 1332" and to enter a protective order barring the disclosure of his true name or other information that identifies him or his family members, directly or indirectly and requiring that any documents containing such information be redacted or filed under seal. Courts "may excuse plaintiffs from identifying themselves in certain circumstances" where "a plaintiff's privacy interests substantially outweigh the presumption of open judicial proceedings." *Doe v. Porter*, 370 F.3d 558, 560 (6th Cir. 2004).

In support of this motion, Plaintiff relies upon his supporting memorandum and the record in this case. Plaintiff has already provided his true name to Defense Counsel with the agreement that it will remain confidential pending a ruling on this motion. In order to ensure that Defendants may litigate this matter without infringing Plaintiff's privacy concerns, Plaintiff